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Sir:

Please consider the following amendments and remarks in response to the Office Action mailed on September 12, 2002. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the captioned application in view of the following remarks and amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add claims 19-21 and amend the claims as follows:

1. (Four Times Amended) A gas distribution plate for use in a semiconductor fabrication apparatus including a semiconductor processing chamber, the gas distribution plate comprising:

a plurality of drilled holes for passing process gases to the semiconductor processing chamber; and